

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stephen A. Smith et al.

Application No.: 10/676,807
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Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Art Unit: 3781

For: Ergonomic Disposable Cup Having Improved
Structural Integrity

REPLY (RCE) TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 4, 2006

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Commissioner For Patents
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This is a Reply to the final Office Action mailed December 4, 2006. The time period for taking further action in this Application is two months from the mailing date of the Decision on Appeal mailed November 17, 2008. Additionally, January 17-18, 2009, fall on a Saturday and Sunday, respectively, and January 19-20, 2009, are Federal Holidays (Martin Luther King Day and President Obama's Inauguration). Accordingly, the time period for response is January 21, 2009, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. A request for continued examination (RCE) has also been submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.